

PROCLAMATION

Rail Safety Awareness Month California Operation Lifesaver April 2009

- Whereas*, Operation Lifesaver is an international, nonprofit, education and awareness program, established in 1972, and dedicated to ending collisions, injuries, and fatalities at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad right-of-ways by unifying government, law enforcement, schools and citizens to prevent those possible hazards; and
- Whereas*, in the United States, statistics indicate that approximately every two hours, a train hits a person or vehicle; and
- Whereas*, Operation Lifesaver has unified the nation's railroads, schools, citizens, and government, law enforcement and transportation agencies to emphasize, educate, enforce efforts that prevent hazards at railroad crossings and reduce injury, property damage and loss of life; and
- Whereas*, City of Colton has united with California Operation Lifesaver and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in establishing the month of April 2009 as the first ever Railroad Safety Awareness campaign in the Inland Empire; and
- Whereas*, throughout the month of April, City Staff, California Operation Lifesaver and BNSF Railway will offer a series of activities and safety training sessions that bring public awareness to reducing injuries, property damage, and loss of life at railroad crossings; and
- Whereas*, the supportive efforts of California Operation Lifesaver exemplifies our community's progress in educating and encouraging the public safety of vehicular, railway, and pedestrian traffic at railroad properties and railroad crossings throughout the community.
- Now Therefore*, I Kelly J. Chastain, Mayor of the City of Colton, along with my fellow Council Members, do publicly proclaim April 2009 as "Railroad Safety Awareness Month" and urge all citizens to recognize and partake in the educational awareness programs established by California Operation Lifesaver.
- In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Colton to be affixed on this 7th day of April 2009.



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